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National Intelligence Council

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Chairman, National Intelligence Council ✓  
Vice Chairman, National Intelligence Council

FROM: Major General Edward B. Atkeson, USA  
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SUBJECT: Comments by Chairman JCS [REDACTED]

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1. Following a briefing on NIE 4-1-84, Warning of War in Europe, the Chairman said that he did not want non-US officials briefed until after General Rogers had heard the presentation and approved its delivery to allies. [REDACTED]

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2. The Chairman also raised an interesting substantive issue which does not at present appear in the estimate. He pointed out that the most important argument against the likelihood of a Warsaw Pact attack from a standing start (unreinforced posture) may be that it would give up the possibility of achieving Soviet goals without fighting. The process of Soviet mobilization, he said, would in itself have an intimidating value and might be sufficient to obtain desired concessions from NATO in time of crisis. We will record the Chairman's point and include it in a Memo to Holders if one is published on NIE 4-1 in the future. [REDACTED]

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